

MOAPA BAND OF PAIUTES (MBOP)

Child Care and Development Fund, CCDF, Coronavirus Relief and Response

Supplemental Appropriations Act, CRRSA

- **Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)**

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services, including child care subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.

Moapa Band of Paiutes RESPONSE:

Current:

The Moapa Band of Paiutes has been providing assistance, due to Coronavirus, for Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies) to Child Care Centers and In-Home Providers that have either closed for business or in process of re-opening. Families that have been affected have had to find other means of child care. Those Child Care Centers that have had to accommodate these families are being paid with the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

The Moapa Band of Paiutes also had to open a Tribal Child Care Center in Moapa, Nevada due to community and school closure. The Moapa Tribal Child Care Center has a staff of eight (8) employees with a work schedule from 4:00 AM to 6:30 PM, Monday through Saturday. The Tribal Center started with a staff of six (6) and has increased to eight (8) staff. This had to be done to accommodate the need for child care on the Moapa Band of Paiutes Indian Reservation. A 3% Hazard Pay was provided to the employees to ensure extra safety measures are being performed for the safety of staff and children. Health and Safety Policy and Procedures were developed for the MBOP Child Center. The standards were compiled for both Staff, Children and Parents, which include PPE, Temp Checks, a log, hand sanitizer station procedures.

The Moapa Band of Paiutes Indian Reservation has been closed to the outside since March 13, 2020 and will remain closed to public indefinitely. The Head Start Program, which was operated by a Tribal Consortium, InterTribal Council of Nevada, has been shut down indefinitely. There is a schedule and time for families to shop for essentials and exceptions for members working off the reservation.

Future:

MBOP will continue to provide and operate a Tribal Child Care Center until federal funds are allocated to respond to the Coronavirus. Proper PPE and sanitation supplies will be provided to both locations: Tribal Child Care Center and our Tribal Child Care Administrative Offices. This also includes sanitizing stations and protective plexiglass dividers that separate staff and program participants.

MBOP will also continue to pay Child Care Providers and In-Home Providers that have closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. MBOP will continue to provide subsidies to families for child care services.

- **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.

MBOP RESPONSE:

Current:

The Moapa Band of Paiutes CCDF Programs has been affected by the Coronavirus. There were several staff members that tested positive for the virus and the offices had to be closed. Immediate safety measures were taken in accordance with CDC preventive measures. Also, children have tested positive in the Child Care Centers, which were closed immediately. Again, immediate safety measures were taken in accordance with CDC. MBOP remained in contact with these Child Care Centers to ensure the safety of children, families and staff. The Moapa Band of Paiutes has taken this pandemic seriously. The Tribal Business Council (Tribal Council) has expressed to each tribal department to implement health and safety practices and procedures. CCDF Child Care Caseworkers are to communicate with Center Providers and In-Home Providers.

A Parent Handbook for the MBOP Tribal Child Care Center was created and there is a section specifically for Coronavirus Outbreaks and Health and Safety Precaution and Preventions.

Future:

The Moapa Band of Paiutes continues to take this pandemic very seriously. Our community will remain closed until the outbreak decreases. Every preventive measure will be practiced and implemented to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus.

- **Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.

MBOP RESPONSE:

Current:

As previously stated, the MBOP has opened a Tribal Child Care Center due to closure of the Moapa Indian Reservation. The CARES Act funds are currently being used to operate this facility. All staff payroll/FB is being paid from these funds. All operating equipment, supplies and food is being provided. No outside food is provided by parents due to the pandemic. All Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, facility supplies, infant and toddler supplies, children supplies are provided by CCDF CARES funds.

Future:

The MBOP CCDF is currently working on a Plan for the Quality Improvement and Health & Safety for licensed providers and Tribal Child Care. We hope to connect with our Licensed Providers to provide PPE, cleaning supplies and technology to support distance and virtual learning. The Clark County School District open schools on March 1, 2021. The children return on a Cohort Schedule and will not resume to full-time schedule. MBOP CCDF will working with these families to adjust to this scheduling.

Grants will be issued to Licensed Providers that have approached MBOP CCDF for assistance. These grants will be provided to the Licensed Providers to prepare and respond to the pandemic.

MBOP would like to consult with a Mental Health Therapist for children affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic. These are families that have had to separate from immediate family members.

- **Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

MBOP RESPONSE:

Current:

Currently, MBOP CCDF does not provide assistance to child care providers not participating in the subsidy system. The Las Vegas MBOP CCDF Office recently open on January 4th, 2021 with a full staff. The office has been closed since March 2020 due to the pandemic. Meetings were done through Zoom and communicating through telephone.

Future:

The Las Vegas MBOP CCDF has a list of twelve child care providers that are not participating in the subsidy system. The CCDF Department Manager will be working with the Caseworkers to reach out to the twelve (12) child care providers to assist the centers.

- **Other**

Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA child care funds for any other activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.

MBOP RESPONSE:

Current and Future:

MBOP does not plan to utilize CRRSA child care funds for any other activities. All current and planned activities and assistance were mentioned and addressed in the previous questions.